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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 286

By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION To provide for directional signs to
the Historic Downtown Franklin
Shopping District on State Route 96
in Williamson County.

WHEREAS, It is the role of the department of transportation to erect and maintain directional signs at sites and facilities of cultural and economic interest to the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, The town of Franklin in Williamson County has played a significant historic and economic role in the development of Middle Tennessee, as the site of the Civil War's Battle of Franklin, and as one of the more economically prosperous regions of the area; and

WHEREAS, Much of the economic success this stately town enjoys has come as a result of the revitalization of Downtown Franklin, with its Main Street shops and other "small town" attractions, including such annual events as the Franklin Main Street Festival, the Franklin Jazz Festival, a Fourth of July Celebration, the Dickens Christmas Play, and others; and

WHEREAS, The members of this legislative body heartily concur in the position that Downtown Franklin should be observed and preserved for the edification and appreciation of present and future generations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the department of transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain

directional signs to the "Historic Downtown Franklin Shopping District" on State Route 96 in Williamson County at the approach to the Town's corporate limits, both eastbound and westbound.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.